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REQUEST TO BEGIN NATIONAL EXAMINATION

Sir:

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Office after publication and before 30 months from the priority date the following items under 35 U.S.C. § 371:

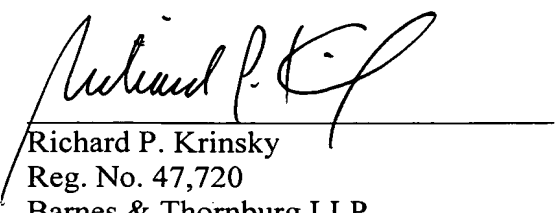
- I. This is an express request to immediately begin national examination procedures under 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).
- II. A Preliminary Amendment, which should be entered before calculating the fee.
- III. The filing fee is calculated below:

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- IV. A check for the filing in the amount of \$1000.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 02-1010 (808/43903).
- V. An English Translation of the International Application PCT/EP2003/009912.
- VI. An Amendment to the Drawings.



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